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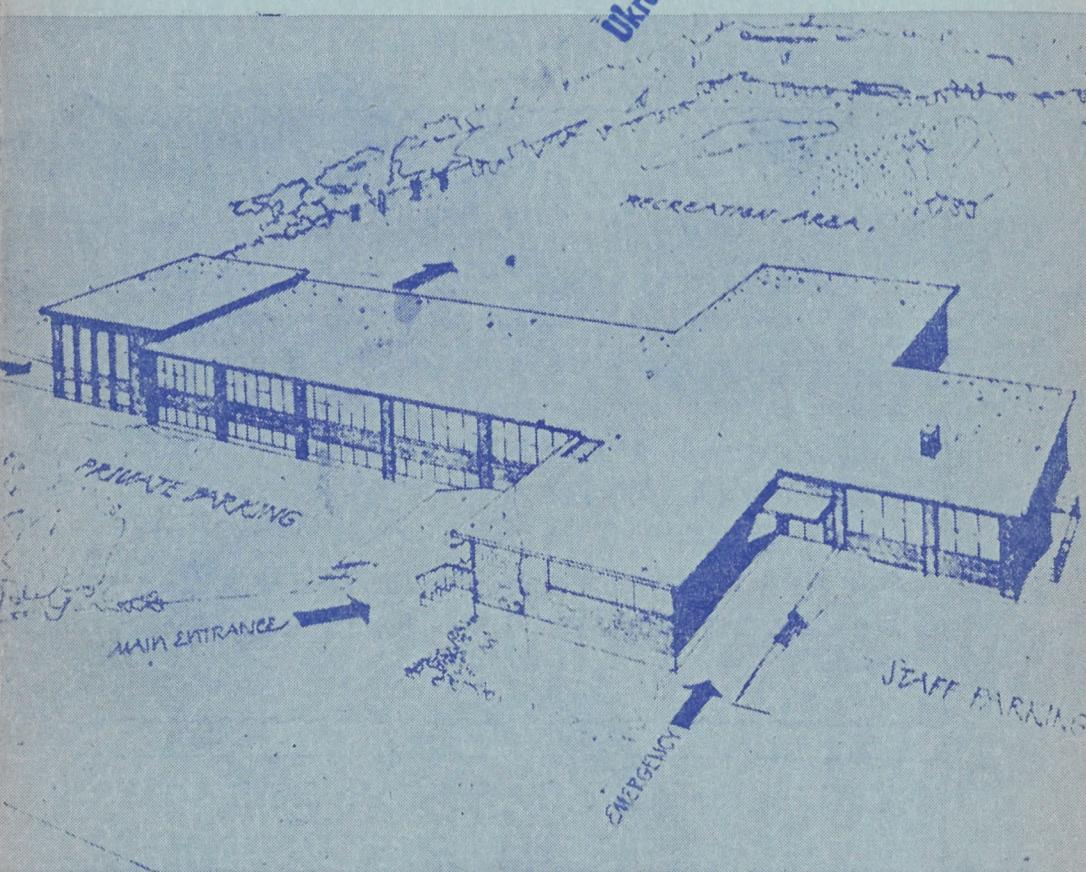
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A Time to Think

We are now in the midst of one of the most important times in the year. Just as every business organization has its annual stock-taking to determine its status or trend in order to make any necessary changes for the future, so should every individual do likewise to see if he is truly on the path which will lead him to eternal salvation. This world is too full of people who are drifting along aimlessly through life just as a piece of driftwood upon the sea, with no objectives and at the mercy and whim of the elements. Nothing could be more pitiful than such individuals.

Every one of us has one major objective in life—the achievement of everlasting happiness in heaven. The goal itself is everlasting but we have only one chance in life to achieve it. Life is so short that it is up to us to see that we spend it in such a way as to merit so great a reward. Much of the time there are so many wordly thoughts and pleasures encroaching themselves upon us that many of us tend to veer off the road which leads to heaven. That is why the period of Lent should be such an important one in our lives. It is a time when we should take an honest and soul-searching look at ourselves to determine whither we are going. If we have tended to falter along the way in the past let us resolve that we will use more will power in the future. The stakes are so high that we don't dare take any unnecessary chances. We should live every day of our life as if it were our last. That way we will have no fear of the inevitable time which must come to all of us, sooner or later, often sudden, quick, and unexpected.

Let us not approach and go through the holy season of Lent grudgingly as if it were an unnecessary burden. Instead, let us live through it in such a way that our hearts are overflowing with love to God for His infinite mercy and goodness. Love should govern us in all things, in our actions thoughts and sacrifices. "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." If we would know the extent of His love for us, we must know the details of His sufferings. During Lent we should go through the different circumstances of the Passion and compare them with the occasions of sufferings we meet with in life, thus making it easier to bear any burdens which may come our way. Gratitude should fill our hearts at the thought of God's goodness to us in giving us His own adorable Son as a model to imitate.

Every day during Lent we should consider some detail of the Sacred Passion and death of our Saviour. We should seize upon one

thought and keep turning it over in our mind during the day, and then see if there is some lesson from it which we could put into practice throughout the day. In our examination of conscience at night we should examine ourselves and see how well we kept the resolution for that period. We will achieve little good from the Passion unless such a study results in our imitation of Christ.

The holy season of Lent should be a time when we achieve a greater amount of spiritual purity and graces. It has become customary for persons to give up something which they like during this season as a form of contrition and with the desire to imitate Christ more closely. No doubt most of us have already done so. However, let us practice the virtue of humility and meekness by not boasting publicly to others about the various things which we have given up, thus trying to impress others about how good we are. No publicity is necessary to bring these matters to God's attention. God alone knows what is in our minds and He is aware of our every thought and deed.

Let us all strive to make this Lenten season a truly Holy one for each of us. The reward is eternal.

Revealing Facts

According to recent calculations there are approximately 225,000 Ukrainian Catholics in Canada. Now, let's make a very conservative estimate and state that about 10 per cent of the number are in the age group to be members of the U.C.Y. That would give a potential membership of 22,500 and, incidentally, the same number of subscribers to YOUTH. Just imagine what we could accomplish if we had a circulation like that. We'd really have a large magazine with plenty of interesting and informative articles. Would you like to know how far away we are from this objective? Believe me, the results are far from what they should be and are a shame to every loyal U.C.Y. member. The number of subscribers is considerably less than half of one-per-cent. What a disgrace this is to the U.C.Y. organization as a whole.

The number of subscribers to YOUTH in the city of Edmonton is 155. This number is more than the subscribers in the provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario, all put together.

The response to the YOUTH Press Fund during the month of February was very disappointing. It seems to us, from the results to date, that very few U.C.Y. members or locals are interested in the welfare of the YOUTH. We urgently desire to know the reason for this indifference and lack of pride in the only Ukrainian Catholic magazine in Canada. What more is necessary? We have now published fifteen consecutive issues. Can anyone complain of not getting his full dollar's worth?

Over two hundred persons who received the February issue did not get the present issue. The reason for us having to take this action was prompted because of financial diffi-

culties and because these people were overdue with their subscriptions for periods of one year or more. After sending the YOUTH regularly to these members we hoped that they would renew their subscriptions. This did not happen. If any of your friends complain about not receiving the YOUTH from now on, ask them if their subscription has been paid up. We have to adopt a much stricter attitude towards unpaid subscribers from now on, so be sure your subscription is paid up, otherwise we will have to stop sending you your copy of YOUTH.

Your editor received a bulletin issued by the Manitoba Diocesan Executive of the U.C.Y. and distributed to every local under its jurisdiction. This is a very good method for a diocesan executive to inform its locals about pertinent U.C.Y.

matters and to bring closer co-operation among its clubs. It is gratifying to know that the U.C.Y. organization in Manitoba is progressing so favorably. Our sincere good wishes to all U.C.Y. locals in that province and we hope that their achievements, year after year, will become more momentous and gratifying. We would, however, like to insert our own plea to the Manitoba Diocesan Executive. Would you please encourage all of your locals to submit news items and articles to the YOUTH? We would also welcome more subscriptions to our monthly from your province. One of your locals, the Dauphin U.C.Y. is, to our way of thinking, one of the leading U.C.Y. clubs in Canada. It is our sincere hope that all of our locals in Canada take as keen an interest in the YOUTH as does Dauphin.

The Criterion of Success

By John Popyk

"The criterion of success should be what one has achieved through able, honest, self-sacrificing effort, not merely for his own advantage, but concurrently for the benefit of his fellow beings."

These few words, so well spoken by a writer, John Hays Hammond, have inspired me to write again to our Youth Magazine.

Let us first refer this little phrase to our beloved Reverend Fathers. Besides their priestly duties, they work in all our organizations; that is, some are choir directors, others spiritual leaders in all our organizations, and still others are teachers in our religion and language. They sacrifice their lives, not for their

own advantage, but for our benefit, that we may become better Christians, better citizens. Where can we find a better example of this able, honest and self-sacrificing effort, for the glory of God, for the advantage of our Catholic Church, our country, and for the benefit of us all?

Now, let's consider how the parents sacrifice themselves for the good of their children: Have they instilled into their children's hearts the love for our Church, for our country? Have they taught the children the Ukrainian language, or are they ashamed to admit they are Ukrainians? Have they failed to interest their children in any youthful organizations or in any religious

courses? If they have not done so, then they have failed their duties as a parent.

Now let us ask ourselves how we can sacrifice our efforts. Are we willing to co-operate whole-heartedly with one another? Are we content to point out the fine qualities of each other, or do we envy one another? Are we destroying ourselves by being unkind and cruel to each other by refusing to work together? Do we belong to some unworthy organizations and support them with our undertakings? Let

us unite and be a one Ukrainian Catholic Youth and fight for the Truth! When we achieve this, we can then proudly say that we have fulfilled our duties from which our Church, our people and our country will prosper.

In conclusion, I will sign off with a short poem, which still lingers in my memory from the school days:
 Admit hardships, my son,
 Admit defeat;
 Never let the words,
 "I failed" fall from your lips.

A Distinctive Honor

At an impressive ceremony in Winnipeg on February 12, Archbishop Maxime Hermaniuk, C.S.S.R., was installed as the first Metropolitan of the newly-erected Metropolitan See of Winnipeg for the Ukrainian Rite Catholics in Canada.

This date will go down in our history because of the significant changes which it brought in the status of the church. It saw the formation of an Ecclesiastical Province in Canada for Ukrainian Catholics and marked the erection of four Dioceses, namely, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Toronto. In addition, this date marked the erection of a Metropolitan See and the elevation the Winnipeg Diocese to the Metropolitan See.

Archbishop Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, presided at the installation ceremony in the Cathedral of St. Olga and St. Volodimir the Great. Archbishop Panico also presented Papal Bulls to the Bishops of Edmonton, Saskatoon and Toronto changing their title from Exarchs to Eparchs.

Formerly, the Exarchates were self-governing Sees. By designating them Eparchates the Sees are now suffragan dioceses of the Metropolitan See of Winnipeg. Bishop Neil Savaryn, O.S.B.M., is Eparch of Edmonton; Bishop Andrew Roborecky, is Eparch of Saskatoon, and Bishop Isidore Borecky is the Eparch of Toronto.

The historic event of installing Archbishop Hermaniuk as Metropolitan, and uniting all Ukrainian Rite Catholics in Canada in one province signalizes the culmination of over 50 years growth of the Ukrainians in Canada. Since 1948 Canada has been divided into four Apostolic Exarchates. Now more than 300,000 Ukrainian Catholics

in Canada have been united within one Metropolitan province.

Ukrainian Catholics should consider it a great privilege and tribute that the Holy Father has seen fit to bestow such an honor on their race. No other nationality has been so favored outside of its own national boundaries. Our Holy Father, in his great wisdom, had a reason for taking such a step. Not only Pope Pius XII, but other Popes before him, advocated that all Catholics retain their own rite. The new honor bestowed to Ukrainian Cathoilcs in Canada should serve as an added inducement to encourage them to persevere in and to maintain their own rite in its entirety.

Our own Ukrainian Catholic Rite is one which we should cherish and maintain throughout our whole life and pass on to future generations. It is something which should be a vital part of our life, something which is vitally necessary to our spiritual welfare. It has a beauty and solemnity which cannot be matched by others.

However, the sad part of it is that so many of our people, especially the younger generation, are slowly veering away from their own rite and are attending the services of others. Their reasons for doing so are that services of the Latin rite, for instance, are shorter, that they can understand them better; that those churches are closer to their homes; that many of their friends attend them, and so on. What feeble excuses these are and what spineless individuals these people must be to take such an attitude: What do we have to be ashamed of? Are we supposed to be inferior to others? Must we always look up to others and consider what they have, to be better than ours? Don't you think it's about time we cast off the inferiority complex which seems to plague so many of our people? Don't you think it's about time we began to take a greater pride in what we have inherited?

Our own Ukrainian rite is a vital part of our lives. It is something we are born into and are forbidden to change. Attending the Mass of another Catholic rite will not change the fact that we belong to another. Just as Anglicizing a Ukrainian name will not change the fact that the person is of Ukrainian extraction, so it is with the rite into which we are born.

All of us now have greater responsibilities because of the honor bestowed upon our Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada by Pope Pius XII. There is so much to be done that all of us must work together and dispel the petty grievances which have divided us in the past. We have been divided for too long because of jealousies and egotistical opinions.

Let us give our wholehearted support to our Bishops and our Clergy and abide by their instructions for our spiritual well-being. Just as we wouldn't have the effrontery to contradict a medical specialist by disagreeing on illness or disease by ourselves, so should we apply the same principle to religion which is concerned with something far

more important than physical well-being. Our spiritual leaders have spent long years of careful study to prepare themselves for their work. They have dedicated their lives to God, to be used to bring people closer to the Creator of all life. They are Christ's representatives on earth, and as such, deserve our unwavering devotion and loyalty. Charity, Humility and Obedience are great virtues. Let us strive to achieve them more fully.

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Будують новий загальний шпиталь у Голдені

За старанням Преосв. Кир Ніла міністер здоров'я провінційного уряду Алберти дост. д-р В. В. Кросс затвердив план будови шпиталю в Голдені, Алта. Шпиталь буде записаний на єпархіальну корпорацію і служитиме потребам усіх мешканців Голдену і околиці, без уваги на їхню національність та релігійну приналежність. Збіркою фондів на будову шпиталю, а після й веденням шпиталю займеться окремий шпитальний комітет, до якого належить м. ін., теж місцевий український греко-католицький парох Голдену як представник едмонтонського єпископа.

Затверджений план шпиталю має мати 12 ліжок для хворих, операційну кімнату, відділ для немовлят, рентгенівську кімнату ("екс-рей"), мешкання для черниць і каплицю. В підвалі має бути кухня, пральня, піч до огрівання та кімнати для господарських потреб шпиталю. Сам будинок має форму хреста і буде будований з цег-

ли і "тайлів". Проектував шпиталь інж. арх. М. Фляк з Едмонтону, який теж матиме нагляд над будовою.

Вести шпиталь будуть Сестри Служебниці ПДМ. На будову шпиталь має одержати передбачені законом субвенції від провінційного та федерального урядів. Він діставатиме теж допомогу уряду на покриття оплат за побут хворих у шпиталі, як це є і в муніципальних шпиталах.

26 лютого ц. р. відбулися збори представників усіх парафіяльних представників церков усіх віровизнань та всіх організацій у Голдені, на якому, м. ін., вибрано вужчий комітет у такому складі: почесний голова — Н. Л. Кемпбел; голова — І. Білик; перший заступник — В. Огороднік, другий заступник — І. Р. Тімі; член комітету — С. Комарницький; секретар-скарбник — К. Л. Форен. До найближчих завдань комітету належить переведення збірки грошей на будову шпиталю.



A Conference of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops at Winnipeg, held in conjunction with the ceremonies installing Archbishop M. Hermaniuk, as Metropolitan, was attended by the dignitaries shown above. Seated, left to right, are: Bishop Ambrose Senyshyn (Stamford), Archbishop John Buchko (Rome), Archbishop Maximine Hermaniuk (Winnipeg), Bishop Neil Savaryn (Edmonton), Bishop Gabriel Bukatko (Yugoslavia); Standing, left to right: Bishop Andrew Roborecky (Saskatoon), Bishop Joseph Schomonduk (Philadelphia), Bishop Isidore Borecky (Toronto).

The Road Back

(Part 3)

As George walked Barbara home in the crisp night air, she felt an exhilarating sense of well-being and importance. The U.C.Y. meeting that night had given her an entirely new slant on boy - girl relationships, one that she hadn't believed existed. It was wonderful to have others respect you for your personal characteristics and to know that good clean fun could be so enjoyable. When she had been out with her own crowd, it was very seldom that anyone had talked about something constructive. Instead, when they weren't telling off-color jokes or stories, they were usually indulging in necking.

George was a good listener and Barbara found it very easy to talk to him. As a result, they were home before she knew it. George didn't even try to kiss her good-night as any fellow in her old crowd would have done — they usually took such things for granted. Instead, he bade her goodnight and expressed the hope that he would see her again at the next U.C.Y. meeting. Barbara felt disappointed that he hadn't asked her for a date.

Her mom and dad were still up when she came into the house and the anxiety in their eyes disappeared when they saw the happy look on Barbara's face.

"Did you enjoy yourself, dear?" asked Mrs. Kalinsky.

"I certainly did," sighed Barbara, "I had a wonderful time."

Mr. and Mrs. Kalinsky exchanged glances of relief and they were filled with the hope that the evening

would be a turning point in Barbara's life. If only she would stop going around with that wild crowd she had associated with, they felt that their plans for her could still be fulfilled.

Next morning Barbara came to school just as the buzzer sounded, so she didn't have a chance to talk to any of her crowd. Inwardly, she was relieved as she wasn't too anxious to start making explanations, and she was also beginning to think that maybe they weren't the type which would do her any good.

When she was changing classes that morning, two of her old friends sidled up to her and engaged her in conversation.

"You sure missed a gay evening Saturday, Babs," gloated one of the girls. "We really had a swell time."

"Yeah, you sure missed something," stated the other, giggling. "The party didn't break up until 2:30."

"You should've seen the doll Jim had that evening," smirked the first, hoping to arouse Barbara's jealousy.

"You're liable to lose him if you're not careful," responded the other. "Boy, you should've seen the way he acted after a couple of drinks."

Barbara just laughed and gave a toss of her head as if to say she didn't care anyway.

It wasn't until noon that Jim finally caught up with Barbara.

"Hey, what's the big idea of standing me up on Saturday?" demanded Jim as soon as they met.

"You did all right, from what I

hear," replied Barbara coolly.

"What did you expect," snorted Jim. "You didn't think I'd go to the party all by myself, did you?"

"That was your privilege," stated Barbara haughtily.

Seeing that he wasn't getting anywhere with her, he decided to try another approach. Giving her that intimate look and smile, he said coaxingly, "Aw, honey, let's forget about Saturday and start again. You know I'm crazy about you, don't you?"

"I'm not so sure," replied Barbara, still maintaining her detached attitude.

"How about meeting the gang at the Java Shack tonight?" pleaded Jim.

"I'm afraid not," stated Barbara. "My folks want me to stay home every week night and concentrate on my school work."

"Yipes!" snorted Jim. "That's really tough. When can I see you then?"

For a moment Barbara was tempted to say she couldn't go out with him anymore. Then, to satisfy her own pride and curiosity, she decided to find out if he really cared for her as a person. She wondered if he would still be interested in her if she refused to indulge in any necking on their date. Deciding it was worth a try, she stated, "Not until next Friday."

"Oh, all right," replied Jim grudgingly. "See you at the regular place," he added.

"Not this time," smiled Barbara. "You'll have to call for me at the house."

For a moment he thought she was joking, but when she insisted that that was the only way she could go

out, he decided to play along. He was rather bewildered by Barbara's attitude — furthermore, he wasn't too sure that he liked it.

The evening that Jim called for Barbara was one of the most embarrassing experiences in her life. He didn't even bother to dress up neatly for the occasion, but wore his leather jacket over his old T-shirt, and his hair was as unkempt as usual. Seeing him like that in her own living room made Barbara wonder what she had ever seen in him. To make matters worse, he was even rude to her parents. While he was waiting for her, he slouched on the couch in the living-room with his feet on one of the hassocks. Whenever her mom or dad tried to engage him in conversation, he just grunted back his answers as if he didn't want them to bother him with questions. When Barbara entered the living-room, her dad was in the midst of saying something to Jim. Despite that fact, Jim just ignored him and told Barbara they'd better be going as the rest of the gang was waiting for them in the car.

Seeing the look on her parents' faces, Barbara thought of cancelling her date but then she decided it might be better to see the evening through.

As soon as they left the house, Jim tried to put his arms around Barbara and kiss her. Barbara pushed him back and said that was not the time nor place for anything like that.

She could see that Jim was really mad by the way in which he started the car and took off. When they got on the highway, he really stepped on the gas and the car seemed to leap away from the road. When

the other two couples in the car started necking, Jim tried to get Barbara to cuddle up to him so he could have one arm around her while he was steering with the other.

Barbara wasn't willing to co-operate. She had always been alarmed when Jim travelled too fast, but today she was nearly terrified, as if she had a premonition that something would happen.

Keeping her eyes directly on the road, Barbara became aware that the gap between their car and the one ahead was being closed too rapidly. As they came nearer, she

realized that the car ahead was at a standstill. Jim, who hadn't kept his eyes on the road too carefully, wasn't aware of this.

"Jim!" screamed Barbara, "the car ahead. Watch out!"

Jim realized the predicament too late. A car was approaching from the other side so he couldn't swerve. Desperately he jammed on his brakes.

There was a loud screech, then a sickening crash, and Barbara blacked out.

(to be continued)

St. Josaphat's U.C.Y., Edmonton

Half of the 1956-57 term has gone by and the U.C.Y. of St. Josaphat's Parish may be proud of their accomplishments to date. Many objectives established at the beginning of the year are being realized and the club is endeavoring to make the remainder of the year even more successful.

At the present time, St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. has 101 paid-up members and is encouraging more new members to join. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Sunday evenings. Informative, educational and cultural talks are given during the meetings by our Spiritual Director, Fr. Sloboda, or Fr. Skwarok. Dancing and refreshments usually follow; however, during advent, whist was played and the movies "How Green Is My Valley" and "The Robe" were shown.

In the early fall, the U.C.Y. sponsored a Hallowe'en dance. Several prizes were awarded to those dressed in the best Hallowe'en attire.

On December 12, the pre-Christ-

mas U.C.Y. turkey bingo was held with a Communion Breakfast following on the 16th of December. About 65 members were present. Guest speaker was Mr. Frank Palowski, a one-time member of this same nation-wide organization. A very tasty breakfast was prepared by the ladies of the Good Will Club.

The Christmas party was held on December 27. This party was well attended. Christmas goodies and punch were served, and gifts were exchanged. Excellent music provided for good dancing.

A combined St. Josaphat's and St. Basil's U.C.Y. sleigh ride on January 26 was also well attended, even though the temperature was low. Everyone assembled at St. Basil's and enjoyed the ride to Whitemud Lodge, where sliding, skating and exuberant dancing furnished healthy appetites for the delicious food which was served. In spite of chills, spills, aches and falls, it was a memorable "sleigh ride".

ST. JOSAPHAT'S U.C.Y. EXECUTIVE



Top, left to right: Steve Ostapowich, Terry Hewko, Mike Nikiforuk, Helen Kozak, Ted Dackiw, Rose Opryshko, Joseph Hannas, Mary Maksimiec, Joe Marchuk, (lower) Stan Chichak, Mary Bohoslavec, Pres. John Kowalchuk, Rev. Father Sloboda, Ted Tyrkalo, Ruth Hryuchan, Arnold Troock, Not on photograph, Ollie Semchuk, Bill Goy, Peter Kaminsky, Walter Hys, Emil Gulayets and Helen Skubleny.

With the aid of the Bowling League, who are extremely active this year, the U.C.Y. was able to purchase a piano badly needed in the Church Auditorium. This worthwhile achievement will be a definite aid at concerts, orchestras, and the notable St. Josaphat's choir, to which most of the U.C.Y. members belong. The director, of course, is the renowned Fr. Boniface Sloboda.

A fine hockey team has been organized and they are enjoying their practices and games. This is just another means of bringing our fine Catholic Athletic Youth under proper influence and into the proper environment during their leisure time.

In order to replenish the treasury, a draw for a trip to Hawaii for two has been planned for this spring.

All members are urged to participate and help in this project so that needed funds might be acquired, and at the same time, two very fortunate persons may visit the majestic island with all expenses paid.

These are some of the activities thus far. An amateur night is planned in the near future. Separate girls' and boys' retreats are scheduled for March and the agenda for future functions is abundant.

Good co-operation in this club is shown. However, with a little more interest and help, the executive of St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. may obtain courage and perseverance to keep working harder, thus making the 1956-57 St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. a very memorable, progressive and successful one.

Yorkton U.C.Y.

The U.C.Y. Club of Yorkton has had a remarkable recovery since the previous year. We find today, that we have in our ranks more new faces than those we have been accustomed to seeing from last year. At present, members attending our regular meetings average 45.

As in past years, we have been well pleased with our executive council. This year, progress in every respect seems to have taken on a more definite nature and great deal has been achieved. Under a council, which consists of Stella Merczyk, president; William Shewchuk, secretary; Ann Kowalyk, vice-president; Ann Scallnick, treasurer, and Sally Thom, fifth member, we have undertaken and accomplished much.

First of all, we have brought our paid membership dues well up to date. This is one of the difficulties that has been hampering our club. From the Youth Convention at Saskatoon our two delegates, Stella Merczak and Ann Kowalyk, returned with the cup. We have made more attempts to raise funds successfully and have succeeded to some extent. During this season we have dances, a fowl supper, with the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League and a St. Michael's Tag Day. One of the recent achievements that has done us proud is the Amateur Show, held on December 4, 1956. That evening we raised six hundred dollars, thus augmenting the St. Mary's Church Building project. The show was not merely for the

purpose of gaining money, but gaining culture as well.

Our activities have been spiritual as well. Three Communion Breakfasts have been held, a retreat, and also we participated in the celebration marking the Redemptorist Fathers' Fiftieth Anniversary. Mass, a banquet and a concert marked this memorable day.

Even though it is yet early in the year 1957, we have been planning for the events to come. Although they are not definite yet, we plan on making them a success.

The Redemptorist Fathers have

done much to bring our club back on its feet. They have constantly held themselves available to guide, advise and encourage us. They are our spiritual advisors that are present at every meeting, giving spiritual "help-ful hints". It is they who have brought back members to our organization. We are deeply grateful to them.

This year will mark our Tenth Anniversary. During 1957 we hope to bring our club up to the best standards that it has ever had. With God's help, we will.

Myrnam U.C.Y.

The Myrnam U.C.Y. was host recently to members from Fidelity, New Kiew, and Derwent at a social gathering in the Myrnam National Hall. Father Cherkowski from Derwent gave the opening prayer and address to the boys and girls present.

We were very fortunate to have five guests from the Western Diocesan Executive. They were: Josephine Bayduza, president; Walter Hys, treasurer; Elizabeth Korenko, recording secretary; Stan Chichak, sports director; Peter Syvenky, fifth member.

During the course of the evening's entertainment, very encouraging and informative addresses were given by the Edmonton visitors. They spoke on the work and progress of their clubs and offered many helpful suggestions. Father Hurko, parish priest, and Father Cherchowski also spoke on living religiously, through frequent confessions, regular church attendance and good Christian conduct.

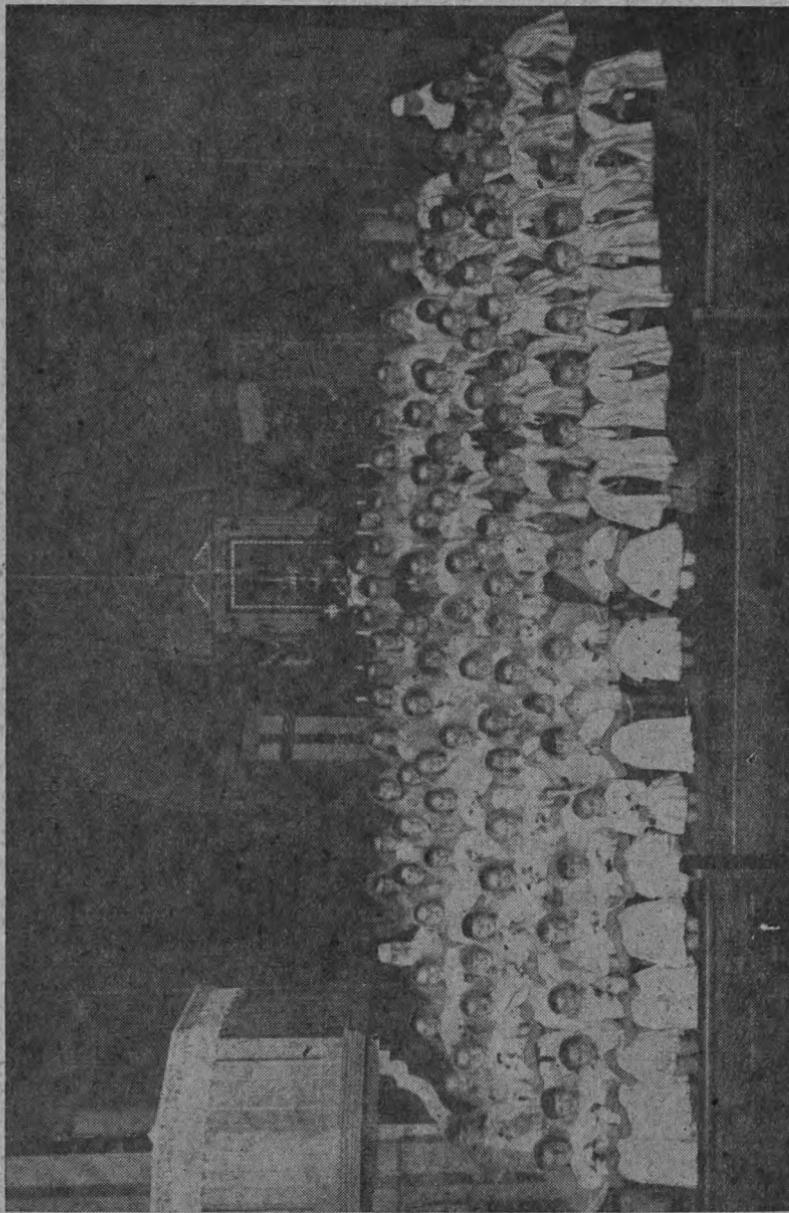
Elizabeth Achtimechuk, Myrnam U.C.Y. presidment, very ably officiated as mistress of ceremonies.

A brief program was also presented, consisting of musical selections. Those participating were: Elizabeth Achtimechuk, Adeline Wasylcya, Adeline Olinyk, the Pidruchney sisters, Phyllis Pankiw, Zinnia Lysakowski and Edward Sosnowski.

Dancing and then a delicious lunch brought the most enjoyable evening to a close.

This year, for the first time, Myrnam U.C.Y. has given awards to honor students in grade nine and twelve. Irene Sosnowski received \$10.00 for her high scholastic standing in grade nine. Fred Lisevich, now a student of the University of Alberta, was also awarded \$10.00 for his high standing in grade 12.

The U.C.Y. sponsored a dance in the Myrnam National Hall on Saturday, Feb. 23. Though the weather was typically blustery, the attendance was very good.



MUNDARE SODALITY CHOIR pictured with their parish priest, Fr. P. Hradec, O.S.B.M. and two Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. This choir sings parts of Mass and hymns every Sunday and Holy Day at Mundare.

St. Peter and St. Paul U.C.Y., Saskatoon

St. Peter and St. Paul U.C.Y. held its first meeting on September 25, with a great enthusiasm towards advancing our club work.

On October 23 the following executive was elected: president, Ray Moroz; vice-president, Elaine Ortynski; secretary-treasurer, Mabel Chillack; fifth member, Violet Sass; publicity officer, Helen Remenda; organizational, Eugene Zadvorny; spiritual, Orest Zabinsky; educational and cultural, Richard Protz; social Eugenia Remenda, John Chrusch, Peter Bialobzyski; auditors, Bill Ostashewski, Don Bobyn. With us we have Father Michael Hrynychyshyn as our vigorous spiritual director.

The first successful social event of the year was a Hallowe'en dance on Tuesday, October 30. An invitation had been extended to the boys at Sheptycky Institute and the St. George's U.C.Y.

For our preparation towards Christmas, we held a retreat on December 13, 14, 15 and a Communion Breakfast on December 16 under the spiritual directorship of Father Hrynychyshyn.

From December 24 to 26 and January 6 to 9, for the first time, our Youth Club organized carolling groups to help enlighten the Christmas season of our parish members and friends. During the gala festive season, we brought the New Year in with whistles and horns on December 31 at our New Year's Eve party. An amount of three hundred dollars from the carolling money was donated to the church.

Our Youth Club has also under-

taken two projects for raising money. With the help of Mr. Joe Kotelmach, a parish member, we are going to distribute small altar-shaped banks to each working parish member. For each day, ten cents will be sacrificed by the owner. Our second project will be selling Christmas nativity scenes.

Under the leadership of Ray Moroz, an Altar Boys' Club has been organized in the parish.

Meetings are held regularly every second Tuesday. Commencing in January, a choir practice has been held every other Tuesday.

The Youth Club has great enthusiasm this year and we hope to accomplish more as the year goes on.

MABEL CHILLACK,
Secretary - Treasurer.

The Younger Brother of Cruelty

Meaness may be called the younger brother of cruelty. It is the habit of taking pleasure of small hurts inflicted on others. Check your conduct for these examples of downright meanness.

1. Backbiting, which is telling a person how much he is disliked by a third person, or what unkind things have been said about him in his absence.

2. Criticizing some highly esteemed and cherished possession of another, or some accomplished work of which he is justifiably proud.

3. Using a nickname or designation to or of another person that is known to be highly offensive to him.

4. Making natural defects or bodily deformities an object of jest or ridicule. (There is no lower form of meanness than this.)

5. Laughing in the face of a person who makes mistakes in grammar and rhetoric.

6. Frightening people, who are known to be gullible, by wild tales of imminent danger or disaster.

7. Ridiculing a person's nationality, race or religion.

8. Drawing attention repeatedly to a person's mistakes, even after they

have been corrected and atoned for.

9. Perpetrating so-called practical jokes, in which somebody is humiliated, hurt or ridiculed.

All these examples are of little things, and the hurt inflicted by them will vary according to the sensitiveness and refinement of the person involved. The important point to be remembered is that to hurt another without reason is always a sign of meanness, and meanness is the younger brother of genuine cruelty.

What's Wrong With Low-Cut Dresses?

The objections that are thrown up against the position of reason are not very valid.

Some say that the low-cut gown is the artistic creation. They imply that art is not bound by the same laws of morality as the rest of things on earth. But art is so bound. There are not two standards. Artists must save their souls too. And they will not save their souls if their creations are the cause of the damnation of other souls. And that, no matter how beautiful their creations are. Anyway, there is a strong philosophical opinion to the effect that an object is never beautiful that drags down rather than lifts up. Beauty is not merely the perfection

of external parts, but the expression of the realistic, idealized and inspirationalized through the medium of an external perfection and symmetry of the parts that convey the idea in the mind of the artist. A dress that disgusts and tempts rather than inspires and elevates can hardly be called a beautiful dress.

Others say that gowns with only half a top to them are proper because so many people like them. There are many people who like Stalin. And there were many people who liked Hitler. Also there are many people who like liquor in such large quantities that it destroys their reason. Are the likes and dislikes of people a correct criterion for that which is right and wrong?

For some inexplicable reason the army entertaining committee in the last war presented on occasion for the relaxation of the soldiers various women in dresses not unlike the low-cut dresses of modern fashion. I say, the reason was inexplicable, for it was the will of

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the government and the people at large that the soldiers remain pure. Yet, when these women made their appearance on temporary stages and at the edge of jungles, there were whistles and cries and suggestive remarks not unlike what one would expect to hear in the jungle and not on the edge of it. One soldier said to me, "What do they think we are? Iron men?" Yet, it was very evident that the soldiers liked what they saw. Did that make such dresses moral or proper, especially when we know what steps the government had to take in order to check the spread of venereal disease? It may take a dozen predisposing causes before a sin is committed. A dress that glorifies nakedness may be one of those predisposing causes.

Our Catholic young ladies should take warning and not allow themselves to be turned into pagans by men who have no faith or moral code. I saw a number of young ladies on television a short time ago, most of whom were not dressed modestly. Yet, when they were introduced, every one of them was announced as being a student at a Catholic college. I saw a picture on the society page of a New Orleans paper one day, in which picture a girl was portrayed in a dress not unsimilar to the kind that one would expect to see in a risque nightclub. And the caption under the picture said that the girl was a student at a certain prominent Catholic women's college.

Very probably these girls did not realize the harm that they were doing. But they should realize. To help them realize, this has been written. And my final word is this. A woman of real refinement and tender conscience would rather wear a burlap bag or a tent than adorn herself in the most expensive dress

that money could buy, if by putting on the latter instead of the former she led one soul into the danger of ruin.

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The wife of Angus McLaughlin was very sick. As Angus started out the door to get the doctor, he said to her: "Now, Angela, dear, dinna ferget, if ye feel yourself getting weak, blow out the candle."

Borrower: I used to know Mr. Smothers who was with your firm. I understand he is a friend and trusted employee.

Banker (coldly): He was trusted, yes; and he will be tried if we are fortunate enough to catch him.

Letters to Editor

Dear Sir,

In the February copy of the *Youth*, which I received the other day, I was impressed by the article on page 1 entitled "The Challenge". Out of loyalty, more or less, I am sending two dollars to the *Youth* Press Fund. It is not enough to clear any deficit you have, but I hope that many more will send in a few dollars to help out.

I enjoyed the "Youth" very much. It has contained many helpful and interesting articles — articles which help us to grow up better Catholics.

I wish you have a lot of success in your drive and I hope the "Youth" lasts a long time.

Yours truly,
W. D. Chernets.

Editor's Note: How wonderful it would be if we had more readers like this. Who else will follow this splendid example.

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